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## **IDHS ASSURES INDIANA COMMUNITIES FEMA WILL PROCESS MITIGATION APPLICATIONS**

**Indianapolis-** The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) wants to reassure communities with grant requests pending with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that the impact of Hurricane Katrina will not negatively impact their application.

The Mitigation Section of IDHS' Emergency Response Division is working with numerous communities throughout Indiana to secure FEMA grant funds for the acquisition and demolition of substantially flood damaged homes in areas such as Decatur, Kokomo, Muncie, Noblesville, Fort Wayne, Delaware County, and Howard County.

"IDHS has received inquiries from across the state from concerned communities with flood mitigation grant applications before FEMA," said Phil Roberts, IDHS Emergency Response Division Director. "FEMA has assured IDHS that all applications are being processed and that grant amount requests will not change."

Although applications submitted to FEMA will proceed, the agency also indicated to IDHS the process may slow due to many of its staff member's commitment to hurricane response efforts.

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